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In re application of:

Natsuhiko MORI, et al

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Examiner: Eric B. Compton

For: SINTERED OIL RETAINING BEARING AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
AND SPINDLE MOTOR FOR INFORMATION EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 6, 2003

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, the time for responding being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, the following remarks and amendment are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A method of producing a sintered oil retaining bearing having a cylindrical bearing body composed of a porous body formed of a sintered metal, said method being characterized in that when a metal powder is to be cylindrically compacted using a forming die and a forming core rod, a relative motion is imparted between the forming core rod and the metal powder after the metal powder has been charged into the forming die, wherein the sintered oil retaining bearing produced in said method has surface openings formed on a bearing surface that are substantially uniform

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